

§ 697.6 Prohibitions.

(a) *Atlantic Coast weakfish fishery.* In addition to the prohibitions set forth in § 600.725, the following prohibitions apply. It is unlawful for any person to do any of the following:

- (1) Fish for weakfish in the EEZ.
- (2) Harvest any weakfish from the EEZ.
- (3) Possess any weakfish in or from the EEZ.
- (4) Fail to return to the water immediately, with the least possible injury, any weakfish taken within the EEZ.

(b) *Atlantic striped bass fishery.* It is unlawful for any person to do any of the following:

- (1) Fish for Atlantic striped bass in the EEZ.
- (2) Harvest any Atlantic striped bass from the EEZ.

(3) Possess any Atlantic striped bass in or from the EEZ, except for the following area: The EEZ within Block Island Sound, north of a line connecting Montauk Light, Montauk Point, NY, and Block Island Southeast Light, Block Island, RI; and west of a line connecting Point Judith Light, Point Judith, RI, and Block Island Southeast Light, Block Island, RI. Within this area, possession of Atlantic striped bass is permitted, provided no fishing takes place from the vessel while in the EEZ and the vessel is in continuous transit.

(4) Fail to return to the water immediately, with the least possible injury, any Atlantic striped bass taken within the EEZ.

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